

Long	Short	Tall	short
High	Low	Wide	Narrow
Old	Young	Deep	Shallow
Old	New	Thick	Thin

They are measure adjectives because they can be combined with expressions of measurement : *four feet long, two meters high, nineteen years old, etc.* First that adjectives, like others relating to size (e.g. *big / little, large / small, heavy / light*) are antonymous, and second, that their meanings are very much dependent on the topics they are associated with; a big rat is not as big as a small elephant, for instance. In each of the pairs of measure adjectives above, one member is marked and one unmarked. The unmarked member is also the global member of the opposition. For example, in the pair *old* and *young*, *old* is the global, unmarked adjective. It is used with units of time to express age.

Antonymy is often thought of as the opposite of synonymy, but the statuses of the two are very different (Palmer, 1981:84), he shows that antonymy has the opposite meaning in each word or has not true the fact and it is very different with synonymy, for example : *happy*><*sad* and *rich*><*poor*. Antonymy does not always mean the meaning of the word in contrary, but also can be used to refine a sentence, as stated in Kreidler (

